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Mr. Guy S. Gardner  
Associate Administrator  
for Regulation & Certification  
Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Associate Administrator Gardner:

The Training and Qualifications Issues Group on which I serve as Assistant Chairman, has completed the Air Carrier Pilot Minimum Flight Time Requirement study task assigned to the Training and Qualifications Issues Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) as part of the Federal Aviation Reauthorization Act of 1996 (Act).

In February, ARAC established the Air Carrier Pilot Minimum Flight Time Requirement working group. In accordance with Section 504 of the Act, entitled Minimum Flight Time Requirements, the working group conducted the study, and forwarded its recommendation to ARAC. The working group's recommendation was accepted at the July, 1997 ARAC meeting.

The study addresses the issue regarding whether current minimum flight time requirements applicable to an individual seeking employment as a pilot with an air carrier are sufficient to ensure public safety.

In addition we have enclosed a copy of the Allied Pilots Association's minority opinion concerning the Air Carrier Pilot Minimum Flight Time Requirement study.

The Training and Qualifications Issues group appreciates the opportunity to participate in this effort.

Sincerely,

Walter S. Coleman  
Assistant chairman Training and  
Qualifications Issues group

Attachments